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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 27 Wings & Chili
Cook-off 11am-3pm

Feb 27 Rabies Shots @
Town Hall 1:30-3:30 pm

Mar 5 & 6 "Colonies of
the Gulf Coast" Ft.
Gaines

Mar 5 St. Jude Bike-A-
Thon 8 am

Mar 19 Town Easter Egg
Hunt, Green Park 10am

Mar 25 "Last Friday Art
Night" 6-8 pm

Mar 26 Community
Easter Egg Hunt, Cadillac
Square

Mar 27 Easter Sunrise
Service, Ft Gaines
6:30AM

Apr 2 Storytelling Festi-
val 9:30am-5pm

Apr 2 DIVA Chili Cook-
off, Pelican Pub-Noon

Apr 2 Civil War Trust -
Park Day Ft. Gaines

Apr 2 Sunset Bridge Run

Apr 3 Motorcycle Show,
Fins 11am-3pm

Apr 9 Discovery Day,
Sea Lab 10am-2pm

Apr 23 DI Regatta

Apr 23 Gumbo Cook-off

THE "OFFICIAL" NEWS OF DAUPHIN ISLAND

In an effort to keep the citizens of Dauphin Island better informed, the Mayor and Town Council are pleased to distribute The Town Crier on a monthly basis. Our goal is to highlight council meetings and other newsworthy events. However, this is not intended as a substitute for attending public meetings. Council Meetings are usually held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 PM. Agenda meetings are usually held on the Monday before each council meeting at 5 PM and are open to the public. The council meetings for March are scheduled for the 1st & 15th.

Corps Extends Public Comment Period

Officials with the Corps of Engineers recently announced an extension (February 29) of the public comment period associated with the proposal to widen and deepen the Mobile Ship Channel and you are encouraged to express your opinions on this important matter. The town submitted a formal letter following a public scoping meeting in Mobile attended by Mayor Collier. Our primary focus and concern involves the need for better utilization of dredged materials. Simply put, beach quality sand dredged from the outer bar portion of the channel is currently being deposited nearly five miles south of the east end of the island. A site that arguably provides little to no benefit to our barrier island community. Therefore, we feel these valuable resources should be placed in closer proximity to Dauphin Island and be incorporated as part of the business plan for the ship channel going forward. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts on this critical issue by emailing your comments to mobileharborgrr@usace.army.mil.

Wings & Chili Cook-Off

Treat your taste buds at the annual Wings & Chili Cook-Off this Saturday, February 27 (11am-3pm) and support two great local causes. The culinary contest will take place at the vacant lot next to Fins bar and teams will be competing for top honors in each category. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds will be split between the DI School PTO and the ongoing effort to relocate and re-purpose the historic "Little Red Schoolhouse".

East End Restoration Project Update

After several delays, the dredge company responsible for constructing the East End Restoration Project seems ready to start placing sand along the nearly one mile stretch of shoreline. The rock jetties were completed more than two months ago and crews have been preparing the site for the dredge work to begin. Barring any unforeseen issues, company officials expect the pumping and placement of sand to be underway by the time (or shortly after) you read this news. This final phase of the work is slated to take only a couple of weeks and we urge you to proceed with caution in and around the construction site.

Reminder About Political Signs

2016 will be a busy election year and many of you will be supporting various candidates and issues. As you do, please remember to keep yard signs within your property boundaries and NOT on the public rights-of-way as they will be removed by our staff. Other rules governing political signs include maximum size and quantity, time frames allowed for posting and more. Please check out the Sign Ordinance for additional information and help us keep Dauphin Island free of clutter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



Hippity, Hoppity...Easter's On Its Way!

With Easter Sunday coming a bit early this year, the Bunny Rabbit is already making plans to visit Dauphin Island at the Town's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19 at 10am. Boys and girls are encouraged to bring their favorite baskets and join in on the fun under the majestic oaks at Green Park. A Community Egg Hunt will be held at Cadillac Square the following Saturday (March 26). NOTE: Easter Sunrise Service will take place at Ft. Gaines at 6:30AM on Sunday, March 27.

Annual DIVA Chili Cook-Off Set

The Dauphin Island Veterans Association will host its annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, April 2 (rain date April 9) at Pelican Pub. Doors open at noon and the group will be accepting \$5 donations for you to sample a variety of tasty chili dishes made fresh by local and regional teams. Team entry forms are available at the Pelican Pub. Call 861-7180 for more info.

Sunset Bridge Run

Lace up your running (or walking) shoes and get ready for the Annual Sunset Bridge 5k and 4- Miler Run sponsored by the South Mobile County Tourism Authority on Saturday, April 2 at 530pm. The event starts at the rodeo site, travels north to the high rise section of the DI Bridge and returns, showcasing the natural beauty of the Mississippi Sound and surrounding region. Registration: Via mail (postmarked by March 28), in person at McCoy Outdoor or Run-N-Tri in Mobile or Running Wild in Fairhope until noon on March 22 or online at www.eventbrite.com until midnight on March 30. Race day registration is also available at the rodeo site from 345pm-445pm. Adults \$25 Children (12 & under) \$15. Note: Add \$5 for day of race. Note: Bridge traffic will experience slight delays during this event.

Rabies Clinic Scheduled

Town officials have scheduled a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, February 27. The service will be provided at Town Hall from 130-330pm at a cost of \$10 per shot (one year protection). As always, we appreciate Dr. Branch visiting our island community to assist with this effort.

St. Jude Bike-a-Thon

Island youngsters are encouraged to tighten their chains and air up those tires as the DI Woman's Club will host the annual St. Jude Bike-a-Thon on Saturday, March 5 at 8am. Registration (morning of race) will be located at the DI Water & Sewer office on Alabama Street and participants will be raising money to support the tremendous charity work provided by St. Jude. As always, motorists are asked to avoid the area south of the Water Tower (if possible) or otherwise exercise extreme caution during this event. Please contact co-chairs Joanne Sprinkle (861-3212) and Cissy Napper (318-548-4376) for additional info.

Annual DI Sea Lab Docent Training

Would you like to learn more about the environment and sea creatures while serving as a volunteer at DI Sea Lab Estuarium? The Annual Docent Training Class will be held at the Sea Lab (look for signs pointing to class room) on Saturday, March 5 from 830am-4pm. Admission is free and lunch will be provided on site for all attendees. If you are interested in participating in this rewarding program, please pre-register with Jamelle Roy at 861-2141 Ext. 7545 or via email jroy@disl.org.

Motorcycle Shows Revs Up-DI Fundraiser

Due to the ongoing construction at DI School, event organizers have decided to move the Annual Motorcycle Show to the vacant lot just east of Fins Bar this year. This annual fundraiser supports DI Elementary School and will take place on Sunday, April 3 from 11 am—3 pm. Dozens of vintage and modern motorcycles compete for top honors and you are invited to check out the show. You can also support the cause through cash contributions, donation of raffle items and/or food & beverage. Contact PTO President Chasity Hall at 680-4223 for more information.



Fort Gaines To Host Events

On March 5-6, the 26th Annual Colonies of the Gulf Coast will allow you to explore life on "Isle dauphine" in the 1700-1800's as a French, British and Spanish soldier. See drills, cannon firings, authentic camping, open hearth cooking, basket weaving and more. Get up close and personal as our resident blacksmith demonstrates his craft but be careful...you never know when a pirate might show up! Join us on the Great Lawn inside historic Fort Gaines this Easter for a traditional Sunrise Service at 630am. Admission is free and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating. Easter Sunday is March 27. Volunteers will gather on April 2 to participate in the Civil War Trust - Park Day 2016. Attendees will take part in making needed repairs to this important monument honoring the brave soldiers who fought and sacrificed during the American Civil War. Organizers encourage all interested parties to pre-register at the fort, via Facebook (fb.com/fortgaines) or by calling 861-6992.

Community Message Board Facelift Planned

As part of a recent decision by the Town Council not to install a digital message board on Lemoyne Drive, the group did authorize some much needed improvements to the existing wooden message board just north of the rodeo site. That work will likely take place in the coming weeks and should make a noticeable improvement in the area. The town thanks island resident and handyman Rich Colberg for agreeing to assist our public works crew with the repairs.

Discovery Day at the Sea Lab

The annual Discovery Day at Dauphin Island Sea Lab is set for Saturday, April 9 from 10am-2pm and you are invited to attend. Discovery Day showcases the various components of the Sea Lab including the popular Estuarium, Research Facilities and the research vessel Alabama Discovery to name a few. Touch tanks, arts & crafts and interactive exhibits create an amazing learning experience for all ages. Marine scientists and graduate students will be on hand to answer questions and share their ongoing research projects. Discovery Day is FREE, except for reduced adult admission to the Estuarium. For more info call 861-2141 or visit www.disl.org.

DI Heritage & Arts Council Announces Storytelling Festival and Other News

The Dauphin Island Heritage and Arts Council announces its inaugural Storytelling Festival on Saturday, April 2 from 930am-5pm at the Gallery grounds on Bienville Boulevard. Join us as DI and south Mobile County residents give first-hand accounts of growing up in the 1930s and 1940s on a barrier island with no bridge, view cultural demonstrations and savor traditional "roots" music all in one convenient location. Local storytellers including Henry T. ("Junior") Wright and John Gaspard will be joining professional storytellers like Delores Hydock of Birmingham, Alabama, for a fun-filled and memorable day here on Dauphin Island. Ms. Hydock will perform excerpts from diaries kept by a young woman during the Civil War. Accompanying her will be nationally known music historian Bobby Horton, noted for his musical work with Ken Burns' PBS "Civil War" series. Horton will add Civil War camp songs and other period and original tunes to further illustrate Alabama's Civil War life. Deborah Boykin, Director of Community Arts and Folklorist with the Alabama State Council on the Arts, will serve as interviewer for some of the local storytellers. Crafters will be on hand to share their expertise and the culture of coastal life handed down for generations including boat building, net weaving, and net casting along with demonstrations of oystering, shrimping and crabbing. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the DI Welcome Center, DIHAC Gallery and online at www.eventbrite.com. Children 10 & under are free.

The Dauphin Island School Art Club has been very active in recent weeks, creating unique arts and crafts items. As the final project for this school year, the students are painting various flags that have flown over the Island, including French, Spanish and British flags. These flags will fly over the Island once again when used to decorate the grounds of the Coastal Alabama Storytelling Festival, scheduled for Saturday, April 2, between 9:30 am - 5 pm. Thanks to school principal Diane Allgood, members of the faculty, DI Gallery artists, volunteers and private donors who have made the Art Club a reality! Last Friday Art Night at the Dauphin Island Gallery continues on Friday, February 26th, and Friday, March 25th, from 6 to 8 pm. Come join the fun, enjoy food and refreshments, shop for local art, browse the Heritage Gallery, and socialize! It's THE place to be on the Island on the last Friday of each month (January - October).

DEPARTMENTAL LISTING

TOWN OF DAUPHIN ISLAND

1011 Bienville Boulevard
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Phone: 251-861-5525

Fax: 251-861-2154

Website: townofdauphinisland.org
Monday-Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm



Town Clerk
Wanda Sandagger
861-5525 Ext 225

**Public Works Superintendent/Bldg
Official/Coastal Project Manager**

Corey Moore Ext 224
Cell No 234-7466

DUMPSTERS
Fridays & Saturdays
7:00am until 2:30pm

**Building Department Admin. Assis-
tant, Business License/ Permit Clerk/
Event Planner**

Mary S. Strickland Ext 222

Court Clerk

Stacy T. Mallon ext 221

Admin. Clerk /Magistrate

Joyce Wentworth ext 227

Animal Control ext 230

Chief of Police

Chief Kym Claw 861-5523

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor

Jeff Collier

Council Members

Stephen Denmark

Mary Thompson

Earle Connell

Shirley Robinson

Clinton Collier

TOWN MEETINGS CORNER

Agenda Meetings on Mondays prior to Council Meetings at 5:00pm

Town Council Meetings 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm

Planning Commission Meetings-2nd Tuesday of each month 6:00 pm

Property Owners' Assoc. Meetings - Pres. Domenic Carlucci can be reached at 871-307-9573, email him at domignite@yahoo.com or visit DIPOA website.

Board of Adjustment Meetings-4th Tuesday of each month or as needed

DI Court-2nd Wednesday of each month **March 9th @ 4:00pm**

DI Traffic School **Apr 6th at 4pm in Council Chambers**

DI Park & Beach Board Meeting-call 861-3607 for date & time

DI Water & Sewer Authority Meetings- 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00am at the Authority Office, 908 Alabama Ave. (861-2363)

****ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE TOWN EMAILS?** In order to keep our property owners, citizens and visitors better informed, the Town maintains a mass email list for the prompt and convenient distribution of upcoming events and matters of importance to our community. If you are not already on the list please contact Mary Strickland at mstrickland@townofdauphinisland.org. It's just that easy!